

REMARKS

Applicants are presenting this paper after Final Action in an effort to gain allowance of this application, and respectfully solicit entry of the foregoing (amendments to the) claims as well as reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks.

SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTION

In the Examiner's Final Action mailed April 10, 2007,

claims 1, 3-14 and 24 were allowed

claims 15-16, 18-23, 25-30 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reciting "conventional" shopping carts (claim 25) and "known shopping carts" (claims 15 and 27).

claims 15-16 and 18-23 were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

claim 25 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by USP 5,507,507 to Davidson.

claims 31, 34 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by USP 6,926,291 to Ondrasik.

In addition, the Examiner reiterated the earlier applied objection to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not show "child's seat 202" mentioned in paragraph [0030] in the specification, noting that no drawings were found with applicants' last presented submission.

REGARDING THE DRAWINGS

Applicants included replacement drawing sheets showing the element 202 with the submission of September 6, 2006, but it appears the drawings were inadvertently separated from applicants' submission and lost or misplaced.

Accordingly, applicants are NOW submitting replacement sheets for pages 3-5 of the drawings.

THE AMENDED CLAIMS PROPOSED FOR ENTRY

By the present amendment, claim 15 has been amended to delete the recitation "an array of connected elements" which the Examiner views as new matter.

Further in claim 15, applicants have changed "known shopping carts" to "conventional shopping carts" which phrase the Examiner has stated would be accepted (4th line from the bottom of page 4 of the Final Action).

As a result of these changes, claims 15-16 and 18-23 are believed to meet the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to therefore be in condition for allowance.

Similarly, in claim 25, the word "conventional" has been changed to remove the quotation marks.

In addition, the recitations of claim 26 have been added to claim 25 (noting the Examiner's remarks in paragraph 13 of the Action), and claim 26 has been cancelled.

As a result of these changes, applicants believe claim 25 as well as claims 27-30 which depend therefrom, are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have further directed the cancellation of claims 31, 33, 34, 35 and 36 from the current application, but plan to file a continuation application to pursue protection on the features covered by these claims.

Therefore, in view of the amendments proposed hereinabove, all objections and rejections of the claims have been overcome, and it is the position of applicants that these claims should be re-evaluated, found to be in compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraphs, and 35 USC 102 and 103, and given allowable status.

Whereby applicants solicit entry of the above-proposed amendments, reconsideration, and a Notice of Allowance for the claims now in this application.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of applicants,



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REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

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